

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 12-14, 16, and 18 – 20 remain pending in the present application. Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12-14, and 16 stand rejected. Claims 9, 10, and 18 – 20 are objected to.

Terminal Disclaimer

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12 – 14, and 16 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 – 3, 7 and 8 of copending Application No. 10/769,843.

In response, Applicant has included the required terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 along with the fee required by 37 CFR 1.20(d). Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the non-statutory double patenting rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. In light of the attached Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant submits that the objections indicated are now moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objections.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested. If a telephone interview is required to resolve any further issues, such a call from the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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